

Appl. No. 09/757,802
Amdt. dated October 2, 2006
Reply to Office Action of June 1, 2006

PATENT

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include both a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes to Fig. 17. The replacement sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 17.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet, Annotated Sheet showing changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Before this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-9, 14 and 18-21 were pending. With this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-6, 14, and 18-21 have been canceled, claims 7-9 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form, and new claims 24-30 have been added. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action of June 1, 2006 ("Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claims 7-9 and 13 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 7-9 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and have amended claims 7 and 13 into independent form. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-9 and 13 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request action toward that end.

In addition, Applicants have added new claims 24-30. Applicants submit that new claims 24-30 include features not taught or suggested by the cited references and are thus allowable. For example, claim 24 recites features not taught or suggested by Gotoh and/or Hasegawa, in particular:

recording status storage means for storing, as status information different from each other, a first status of a recording process in which said first writing/reading means records information outputted from said recording data multiplexing means on said recording medium, and a second status of recording process in which said first writing/reading means records information outputted from said management information generating means on said recording medium;

and

processing means for controlling to repair information outputted from said recording data multiplexing means on the basis of that said second writing/reading means reads status information corresponding to the first status from said recording status storage means, or to repair information outputted from said management information generating means on the basis of that said second writing/reading means reads the status information corresponding to the second status from said recording status storage means.

In another example, claim 28 recites features not taught or suggested by Gotoh and/or Hasegawa, in particular:

storage means for storing information different between a first status in which said recording means records the video and audio information on said recording

medium and a second status in which said recording means records the management information on said recording medium; and;
and

controlling means for controlling, when said information recording apparatus is activated,
to repair the video and audio information and the management information recorded on said recording medium in accordance with that the information of the first status is stored in said storage means;
to repair the management information recorded in said recording medium in accordance with that the information of the second status is stored in said storage means; and
to put said information recording apparatus into a standby state in accordance with that the first status and the second status are not stored in said storage means.

Thus, new claims 24-30 are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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FIG.17

CODE	MEANING	
0	NORMAL END STATUS	2500
1	STREAM WRITE STATUS STREAM	2510
2	IFO WRITE STATUS	2520
3	BUP WRITE STATUS	2530